

2004, Director of the National Employee Development Center, based in Fort Worth, Texas, from 1993–97, South National Technical Center Associate Director, also based in Fort Worth, from 1992–93, and Water Quality Coordinator at the center from 1990–92.

Before that Adams served as NRCS's State Conservationist for Arizona, based in Phoenix, from 1988–90, after having been the State Conservationist for Nevada, based in Reno, from 1986–88. He was the Deputy State Conservationist in New Mexico, based in Albuquerque, from 1985–86, after having been the Assistant State Conservationist for Operations at that location from 1984–85.

Adams worked as an area conservationist in Rio Rancho, N.M., from 1983–84, after working as an area conservationist in Flagstaff, Ariz., from 1981–82. From 1978–81 he served as a district conservationist in Edinburg, Texas, following service from 1976–78 as a district conservationist in Eastland, Texas. He was a soil conservationist for the Agency in Abilene, Texas from 1973–76. He began his full-time career with the agency as a soil scientist in Athens, Texas in 1969.

During his tenure with USDA, Charles founded some of the Agency's most innovative approaches to outreach, including the Student Trainees in Agriculture Related Sciences (STARS) program, an initiative to introduce under-served high school students in the Southeast to agriculture, as well as NRCS's American Indian Program Delivery Initiative, an annual conference linking USDA officials with American Indian leaders to promote tribal participation in USDA programs and services.

While working for NRCS Charles Adams has received a number of awards and recognitions. Within the last few years alone he received several USDA Honor Awards, including the Secretary's Award for his leadership of the Southeast Region American Indian Initiative Workgroup and the Sustainable Coffee Pro-

duction Team, and his work in the Agency's Streamlining and Cost-saving Initiative. He received special recognition through a national volunteer award for his long-standing dedication to the NRCS Earth Team Volunteer Program and was the recipient of the Chief's Workforce Diversity Award which praised his encouragement and promotion of professional development among his employees. In addition, his extensive outreach efforts to minorities and women earned him a nomination for the Agency's highest Civil Rights Award in 2003.

Adams is married to the former Prenella Williamson of Port Gibson, Mississippi. In his spare time, he enjoys raising horses on his ranch in Shreveport, Louisiana, restoring his collection of antique cars, and fishing with his young grandsons.

RECOGNIZING MR. KIM KEE YEE  
FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO  
THE UNITED STATES GOVERN-  
MENT

**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 6, 2005*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Kim Kee Yee for a career of dedicated service to the United States Government spanning sixty years. Mr. Yee will be honored today in Tiyan, Guam with a Federal Career Service Ceremony.

Mr. Yee was born on February 18, 1928, in the then U.S. Territory of Hawaii to Kon Fook and Kui Len Lau, who immigrated to Hawaii from China. While attending Waipahu High School, Mr. Yee witnessed the attack on Pearl Harbor. Upon graduation from high school in 1945, he enlisted in the United States Army

where he officially began his service to the United States of America. While in the Army, Mr. Yee successfully completed fifty "jumps" as a paratrooper in the famed 82nd Airborne Division. Mr. Yee was honorably discharged from the Army in 1946. Shortly afterward he came to Guam and accepted a position as an electronic technician with the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

In 1950, after passage of the Organic Act of Guam, Mr. Yee began his career with the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Guam Office. Since then, Mr. Yee has served with distinction. Mr. Yee was given a career appointment by the FAA in 1957. Of special note is that, as an FAA employee on Guam, Mr. Yee worked in support of U.S. Armed Forces during the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the Persian Gulf War of 1991.

Currently, Mr. Yee serves as an Airway Transportation Systems Specialist. Mr. Yee has received numerous awards in recognition of his excellent service. Mr. Yee is a seven-time recipient of the FAA's Performance Award. In addition, he has also received the Special Act/Service Award on four separate occasions. Mr. Yee has furthermore received a Letter of Commendation for Reliability of Guam Radar Services.

Today, I join with the FAA and the people of Guam in honoring Mr. Kim Kee Yee for his years of distinguished service. His career serves as an inspiring example of commitment to the United States Government.

Mr. Yee married Ms. Anita Benevente Santos from the village of Sinajana, Guam on December 1, 1956. Their marriage has blessed them with five children and eleven grandchildren. I congratulate Mr. Yee and his family upon his reaching sixty notable years of distinguished service to the United States Government.